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BUDGET EXPERTS

REF: (A) STATE 218873; (B) USNATO 6045.

1. AT 126TH MEETING AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT ON PENSION SCHEME
NARROWED TO TWO SUBJECTS. LIKELY THAT RESOLUTION REMAINING
ISSUES WILL BE MADE AT 127TH MEETING CCG ON JANUARY 8, 1974.

2. BUDGETIZED PENSION SCHEME - FOR FIRST TIME, ITALIAN DELEGATE
RESERVED POSITION ON CONCEPT OF BUDGETARY FINANCING. ALL DELS
HAD IN EARLIER MEETINGS ACCEPTED THIS CONCEPT.

3. LEAVING ALLOWANCE - COMMITTEE CONSENSUS WAS TO ACCEPT ORIGINAL
FORMULA FOR CALCULATING LEAVING ALLOWANCE.

4. VALIDATION OF PRIOR SERVICE - ALL MEMBERS COMMITTEE EXCEPT
UK WILLING TO ACCEPT FORMULA FOR VALIDATION PRIOR SERVICE.

5. UK, ITALY AND US (WITH SOME SUPPORT FROM GERMANY AND
NETHERLANDS) STILL OPPOSED GRANTING ADDITIONAL PENSION RIGHTS
FOR STAFF MEMBERS CONTINUING WORK BETWEEN AGES 60 AND 65.
THIS POINT PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT SINCE SECRETARIES-GENERAL STRESS
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IMPORTANCE THIS PROVISION AS USEFUL MANAGEMENT TOOL TO RETAIN
EMPLOYEES AND NECESSARY INGREDIENT IF PENSION SCHEME TO BE ACCEPTED

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BY VAST MAJORITY EXISTING STAFF. MISSION NOT CONVINCED BY ABOVE
RATIONALE SINCE PENSION SCHEME WITHOUT THIS BENEFIT APPEARS
BE EQUITABLE SCHEME TO EMPLOYEES, BUT WILLING AGREE SHOULD PROVISION
BE ACCEPTABLE ALL OTHER MEMBERS CCG.

6. MISSION BELEIVES THAT PROPOSAL CONCERNING FUTURE FINANCIAL
LIABILITIES CONTAINED IN PARA B, REF (B), COULD USEFULLY BE
CONSIDERED AFTER PENSION SCHEME HAS BEEN APPROVED BY COUNCILS
AND WHEN CCG (OR INDIVIDUAL COUNCILS) CONSIDER ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT
GUARANTEES. RESOLUTION OF LIABILITIES ISSUE WILL BE NECESSARY
ELEMENT IN DETERMINATION OF HOW INDIVIDUAL MEMBER COUNTRY'S
DUE SHARE OF PENSION OBLIGATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED IN EVENT OF
DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF INDIVIDUAL
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